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Highs and lows

Panelists discuss the pros and cons of Proposition 64.

By Roberto Herrera and Daniela Alvarez
Staff Writers

Over 200 attendees filled the Beach Auditorium in the University Student Union as a three-person panel tackled the controversial topic of legalizing recreational marijuana Monday evening.

The panel, titled "The Pot Perplex: Would Legal Marijuana Be Good or Bad for Southern California," was hosted by Cal State Long Beach, the Southern California News Group and the Long Beach Press-Telegram.

It included an uneven panel with two advocates for Proposition 64 and one opponent.

Proposition 64, otherwise known as the California Marijuana Legalization Initiative, will be on the Nov. 8 ballot. If passed, the initiative would allow adults aged 21 and older to possess and use marijuana for recreational purposes. Medical use of marijuana is currently legal in the state of California.

Users would be able to possess up to 28.5 grams of marijuana, six marijuana plants in a single household and eight grams of concentrated marijuana oil — a resin extracted from the plant to create a honey-like substance more potent than its plant form.

Panelist Andrew Acosta, a media relations specialist and key campaign spokesperson for No on Proposition 64, believes the initiative could be dangerous for California's youth.

"[Proposition 64] doesn't out-

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MEMORIAL

Preserving Peggy's memory

CSULB students honor professor with memorial marathon.

By Nataly Naranjo
Contributing Writer

Cal State Long Beach students and faculty will have the opportunity to honor late physical therapy professor Peggy Moyer with sweat, tears and music by participating in a 5K run on Oct. 22.

Moyer, a CSULB professor in the physical therapy department for 31 years, died in August of this year after an almost 10-year battle with Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, a type of cancer that attacks the body's immune system.

Organized by the CSULB Physical Therapy Student Association, the Peggy Moyer Memorial 5K Run/Walk will raise funds to try to name the new physical therapy anatomy lab the "Peggy Moyer Anatomy Lab," according to PTSA president Matthew Downey.

The run, which is approximately three miles, will begin at 8 a.m. in front of the College of Business Administration building and follow a route throughout the CSULB campus.

Initially, the 5K was a fundraising tactic for PTSA, as October is National Physical Therapy Month.

However, after learning about Moyer's death, PTSA Vice President Michelle Wynne came up with the idea of a memorial 5K to remember the professor and raise money for the department.

Downey said that this 5K will be an embodiment of what Moyer believed in.

"When Peggy passed we were all in such disbelief. I think once that disbelief wore off we all started wondering how we could help," said Wynne.

According to the physical therapy department chair Jody Cormack, in order for the new anatomy lab to be named after Peggy Moyer, PTSA must raise $250,000.

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-line what edibles should look like and kids in Colorado are eating them because they look like candy," said Acosta. "If I leave a cigarette or beer out, my kid will not grab it, but if I leave a brownie out, she will eat it."

Edibles consist of any kind of food that contains THC and can be foods that range from candy to pizza.

Additionally, Acosta said the initiative is an opportunity to monopolize the marijuana industry and make money in order to create a modern "gold rush in California," as marijuana entrepreneurs will flock to California if Proposition 64 is passed.

Panelist Greg Akili, former national field director for the Campaign to Strengthen Social Security and Social Security Works and current civil rights activist, responded passionately to questions by grabbing two microphones at once.

For Akili, passing Proposition 64 is a step in diminishing institutional racism by reducing the disproportionate rate by which people of color are convicted for possession of marijuana.

"We are being arrested, prosecuted, and convicted at abnormal rates," said Akili. "[Proposition 64] makes the target on our backs a little smaller."

Stephanie Velazquez, a senior social work graduate student who uses medical marijuana to treat chronic pain and anxiety, argued the opposite, saying that it won't benefit communities of color.

"I'd like for it to be recreational and for this ballot to pass, but I think they're rushing it," said Velazquez. "I think that the way they wrote it does more harm than good to people of color, especially for people who use it medicinally."

Acosta argued that the sole goal of Proposition 64 is for those in the marijuana industry to prosper.

"Prop 64 is not about social justice, it's about making money," Acosta said. "You can't have it both ways."



Johnny Romero | Daily 49er

Panelists discuss the pros and cons of legalizing marijuana in California under Proposition 64 Monday at the Beach auditorium.

Panelist Diane Goldstein, retired Lieutenant Commander of the Redondo Police Department, held a large binder filled with documents, reading from the pages frequently to state facts and correcting her opponent.

Goldstein agreed with Akili that Proposition 64 is more than just a way to increase revenue for California.

"We arrest more Latinos than African Americans in California [for possession of marijuana]," said Goldstein. "To say this is not a social justice issue is disingenuous."

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The second part of the panel focused on discussing Long Beach's own ballot measures on the initiative, Measures MA and MM. Mayor Robert Garcia briefly explained each measure before the beginning of the panel.

According to Garcia and Stefan Borst-Censullo, a Long Beach attorney with the Hoban Law Group, one of the nation's first cannabis law firms, Measure MM would regulate medical marijuana dispensaries and eradicate taxes on recreational marijuana, while also requiring buffers between dispensaries and schools, parks and beaches.

Measure MA would authorize taxes on medical and recreational marijuana.

Mark Greenberg, chairman of the American Bar Association's White Collar Crime Committee for Environmental Crimes, and Borst-Censullo discussed the pros and cons of each measure.

If both measures are approved, medical marijuana dispensaries and businesses will be allowed to operate in Long Beach while being subject to regulations contained in Measure MM.

However, marijuana tax rates in Long Beach will depend on which of the measures gets more votes, ultimately setting the tax rates.

As for Proposition 64, it would create two new taxes.

One would be a cultivation tax of $9.25 per ounce for the plant's flowers and an additional $2.75 per ounce for its leaves. The other tax would be 15 percent on the retail price of marijuana.

The initiative would control the location of marijuana dispensaries. Additionally, local governments would also be authorized to impose their own taxes on marijuana, as well as authorize a ban on marijuana within their jurisdiction.

If Proposition 64 passes, California will join Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Colorado and Washington D.C. in legalizing the recreational use of marijuana.

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"I hadn't heard of anyone planning something to specifically honor Peggy. So, I reached out to our department director who informed me of their plan to name the new anatomy lab building after Peggy Moyer," Wynne said. "It was then that we knew we had to help raise funds for this endowment."

While there is no registration fee for the event, participants are encouraged to donate $15.

Cormack said that Moyer's family will not be able to attend the run since they live in Atlanta, but they will be matching financially with donations.

"She was passionate about educating the next generation of physical therapists," Downey said. "This 5K represents not only our remembrance of Peggy, but our department, our PTSA, and our profession's dedication to giving back to the community."

To help the runners maintain their positivity while completing this course, Downey said PTSA will also have water, fruit and snacks available.

"Peggy had always been a very humble person, and I think her finding out about this 5K and the endowment would be a little embarrassing for her," Cormack said. "She was always a giver and the receiving would be a bit difficult for her."

In addition to teaching, Moyer rescued and cared for neglected farm animals.

According to Cormack, the physical therapy department will be having its 50 anniversary next August. The department is currently planning to celebrate its achievements by hosting another fundraiser with part of the proceeds going to endowment.

"Peggy meant so much to many people, naming the new anatomy building after her ensures that her role in our education will never be forgotten," said Wynne.

To join in the Peggy Moyer Memorial 5K Run/Walk, participants can register onsite during the event.

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HURRICANE

10 dead, 5 missing, 1 million without power in NC

By Mark Price
The Charlotte Observer



Jacob Langston | Orlando Sentinel

A couple walk along the Sanford Riverwalk along Lake Monroe as strong winds and rain continue from Hurricane Matthew in downtown Sanford on Friday.

The lingering impact of Hurricane Matthew became clearer to North Carolina officials Monday, when a levy broke overnight in the eastern North Carolina town of Lumberton, forcing the emergency evacuation of nearly 1,500 people left stranded by the rising waters.

The flooding there had not been predicted by computer models, adding to the growing fears of state officials, who say 500 water-retaining structures in the state are feeling the impact of Hurricane Matthew.

"People (in Lumberton) awoke to water," Gov. Pat McCrory in a Monday morning press conference. "We are rescuing people off roofs. ... We have 1,500 people in danger and flood rapids are rising."

Ten people have died so far in the state due to the hurricane, another five are missing and 1,400 have been rescued, including a 63-year-old woman who clung to a tree for three hours Sunday after floodwaters swept her car into a canal in Wilson. More than a million people were without power Monday morning, which state officials said equals about 10 percent of North Carolina's population.

High water will continue to be a problem for much of the week, creating a situation dire enough that McCrory is advising out of state travelers to avoid using Interstate 95, one of the nation's chief north-south travel corridors. The interstate was "washed off" in multiple locations from Exit 77 to the South Carolina state line, and the stretch of Interstate 40 in the Newton Grove area is also closed.

State officials say travelers who try using Interstate 95 could face lengthy delays, with priority being given to people escaping flood waters in places like Lumberton, where boat and helicopter crews are fishing people out of knee-deep water.

McCrory said the state is poised for even more flooding along the Tar, Cape Fear, Neuse and Lumber rivers in eastern North Carolina. The dangers there go beyond drowning, McCrory said, noting the waters are poisonous, including sewage, chemicals and dead animals that were caught up in the floods.

"The greatest threat at this point remains inland flooding that will continue this week in both the central and eastern parts of the state," he said. "People who live near rivers, streams and levees need to be extremely careful."

State officials say four of the five missing people in the state are Cumberland County residents, and the fifth is from Johnston County. Most of the 10 deaths reported so far were related to vehicles that tried to traverse flooded roadways, the latest of which occurred late Saturday in Johnston County when a 19-year-old woman's car was swept away in flood waters on I-95. Her body was recovered about 5 a.m. Sunday, reports WRAL in Raleigh.

"I cannot stress enough," McCroy said, "if you see road flooding, do not drive into the waters ... This is a life and death decision you are making not just for yourself, but for the rescue personnel called on to save your life."

To date, about 2,600 people in the state have spent nights in 60 emergency shelters, state officials said. Thirty-eight school districts remained closed Monday, due in part of school sites being used as emergency shelters.

The after-effects of Hurricane Matthew will be felt for the rest of the week, state officials warn, as eastern North Carolina communities brace for downstream flooding. Some of the worst flooding so far is in Cumberland County, home to Fort Bragg.

State officials are warning the public to stay out of Fayetteville's downtown area, due to evacuation and rescue efforts.

Matthew dumped nearly 17 inches of rain in some areas of the state. The Sandhills, which was still recovering from flooding rains from a week earlier, was among the hardest hit areas of the state.

Nearly 15 inches of rain fell at Fayetteville Regional Airport, and numerous roads remain blocked by water or fallen trees. Nearly 700 people have been rescued from the flood waters in Cumberland County alone, officials said.

Smaller creeks and rivers, including Crabtree Creek in Raleigh, have crested, but larger rivers are still rising downstream.

The Neuse River is expected to hit record levels at Smithfield and Goldsboro sometime Monday, and the North East Cape Fear River isn't expected to crest near Chinquapin until Wednesday.

Steve Lyttle contributed to this story.

ELECTION

What to know about the 4 women Trump appeared with at pre-debate event

By Seema Mehta
Los Angeles Times

ST. LOUIS – Less than two hours before Sunday night's presidential debate, Donald Trump appeared alongside three women who have previously accused former President Bill Clinton of rape or unwanted sexual advances. A fourth woman was the victim in a sexual assault case when she was a child in which the accused perpetrator was defended by Hillary Clinton, who was appointed to the case by the court.

The unexpected event Sunday came as Trump's presidential bid is reeling after the release of a recording of him speaking in vulgar terms about women. Trump had telegraphed before the debate that he planned to bring up Bill Clinton's sexual history. He has also blamed Hillary Clinton for enabling her husband and said she attacked the women who made claims against her husband.

Here is a look at the four women Trump appeared with Sunday evening in an event that was streamed live on Facebook:

Juanita Broaddrick: In 1999, after Bill Clinton was impeached for lying about his affair with intern Monica Lewinsky, Broaddrick said the president had raped her when he was Arkansas' attorney general in 1978. A handful of confidantes said she had told them about the incident when it occurred.

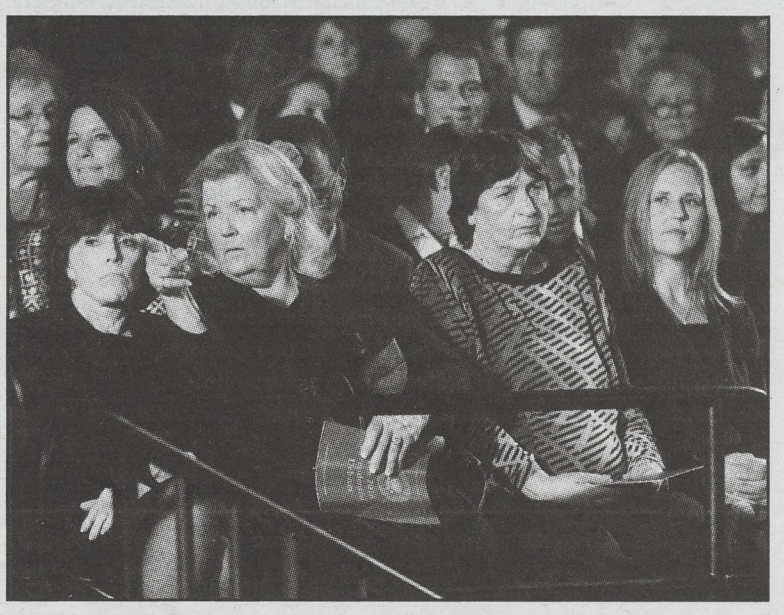
Clinton denied the claim through his attorney, and he was never charged. Some argued that Broaddrick was not credible because she waited 21 years to make the allegation and because she had earlier signed an affidavit denying non-consensual sex or advances by Clinton.

Paula Jones: Jones accused Bill Clinton of sexually propositioning her and exposing himself to her while he was governor of Arkansas. She filed a sexual harassment suit against him that was dismissed and still under appeal when Bill Clinton settled with Jones for $850,000 and made no admission of wrongdoing.

Kathleen Willey: The White House aide claimed that Bill Clinton groped her in 1993. The president denied it, and an independent prosecutor found the evidence inconclusive. She first made her allegations on a "60 Minutes" segment in 1999.

Kathy Shelton: Shelton was 12 when a man was accused of raping her. Hillary Clinton, an attorney, was assigned by a judge to defend him. The case against the accused rapist fell apart and the charges were reduced to fondling a child.

In her 2003 biography, Clinton wrote that she was reluctant to take the case but had been reminded by the prosecutor who had recommended her for the assignment that she was obligated to not refuse the judge's request.



Christian Gooden | St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Three of the four women who sat with Donald Trump in a press conference and made several accusations against Bill and Hillary Clinton — Kathleen Wiley (left), Juanita Broaddrick (center), and Kathy Shelton — attend the presidential debate on Sunday at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

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Halloweeks of fun all month

October is full of events in Long Beach for people of all ages and interests.

By Jason Enns
Arts & Life Editor



Photo courtesy of longbeachzombiefest.com

Attendees at last year's zombie walk got in costume and had their faces painted before going out to haunt the town.

No one in the city of Long Beach should be bored on Halloween. There are an array of events happening during the month of October ranging from haunted houses to beer drinking festivals. If you are looking to get festive this month but don't know where or when, check out this list of things happening in the city.

Queen Mary's Dark Harbor
Sept. 30-Oct. 31
7 p.m. - midnight [days here]
7 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays
Tickets: $24-39 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach

The Dark Harbor is one big haunted park, incorporating carnival rides, food and drink vendors, live entertainment and six terrifying mazes. Actors in full monster makeup are dedicated to hearing as many screams as possible. Mazes take guests in and around the Queen Mary, to experience the ship in a whole new light – or more accurately, lack thereof.

Tickets and more information are available at queenmary.com

Long Beach Zombiefest
Oct. 14-16
5-10 p.m. Friday
2-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Tickets: $20 for 3-day, $18 for 2-day and $13 single-day passes
400 Shoreline Village Dr., Long Beach

Zombies have been a huge part of the Halloween season. This year, the annual Zombie Walk in the Rainbow Lagoon will be a three-day "outbreak." Zombie makeup is provided by college makeup artists for free with admission. Events throughout the weekend include side shows, music and fun activities such as laser tag and eating competitions. Zombiefest will also hold workshops for zombie makeup, acting and dancing in "Thrill of the World Zombie Flash Mob" where guests can participate in a recreation of Michael Jackson's famous "Thriller" music video. Tickets can be purchased online at longbeachzombiefest.com.

Boat of Horrors Halloween costume boat party
Oct. 21
9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Tickets: $25 on eventbrite.com
200 Aquarium Way, Dock No. 4, Rainbow Harbor, Long Beach

The Grand Romance Riverboat will embark on a costume tour for guests 21 and over. The dress code includes nightclub attire or costumes, which are preferred, and excludes any shorts or hoodies. The cruise includes three levels of entertainment for its guests with DJs from Southern California, a hookah lounge and cash bar. Pre-sale tickets are limited, and the boat will begin boarding at 9 p.m.

Halloween Boo Cruise
Oct. 29
8-11 p.m.
Tickets: $50 on tickets.harbor-cruises.com
100 Aquarium Way, Dock #2 at Rainbow Harbor Marina, Long Beach

Harbor Breeze Cruises, who usually take tourists out on whale watching adventures, will be sailing the Long Beach harbor to offer a Halloween party on the port. There will be a cash bar and free appetizers while a DJ spins guests' favorite beats. Costumes are highly encouraged for this 21 and over crowd. The boat leaves dock at 8 p.m. and will cruise around for about three hours.

Dia de los Muertos at the MOLAA
Oct. 30-31
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
628 Alamitos Ave. Long Beach

The Museum of Latin American Art will be hosting their annual family festival to celebrate Day of the Dead. Attend their Dia de los Muertos gala, "Fotos Y Recuerdos: Celebrating the Memory and Music of Selena," which will be full of musical tributes and art. Author Sandra Cisneros will be at the museum on the Oct. 31 for her alter exhibition, a reading and book signing.

Shoreline Village Halloween Haunt
Oct. 20-23 and 26-31
4-8 p.m.
401-435 Shoreline Village Drive, Long Beach, CA 90802

Shoreline Village will be holding a haunted house and Halloween extravaganza. The event will host magic shows, music, costume contests and face painting. The haunted house, opening at 5 p.m., will have a $5 admission charge that will go toward supporting the YMCA youth institute. For more information go to www.shorelinevillage.com

Dance of the Dead at The Federal Bar
Oct. 31
10 p.m. to 2 p.m.
102 Pine Ave. Long Beach

Anyone wearing a costume can gain free admittance before 11 p.m. to a multi-level danceathon. The Dance of the Dead at the Federal Bar will house two levels of terror; the top floor will have R&B, funk, soul and disco, and the lower level will be playing hip-hop and reggae.

Bixby Knolls Community Carnival
Oct. 31
6-9 p.m.
3601 Linden Ave. Long Beach
Admission is free for this event, which will have over 14 carnival rides lining the street in Bixby Knolls. Traditional carnival food will be available at the family friendly event organized in cooperation with Grace Long Beach and King's Church.

Long Beach Oktoberfest
Oct. 15
Noon to 6 p.m.
Tickets: $10 general admission $25 VIP
200 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

On Oct. 15, the Shoreline Aquatic Park will hold its second annual Oktoberfest, with games such as mug holding, giant Jenga, corn hole and giant beer pong. All attendees must be at least 21 years old to enjoy the gourmet German food trucks and live traditional German oom pah music bands. VIP passes include a souvenir mug, two complimentary beers and access to specialty beers. All 12 oz beers will cost $5, ranging from craft, German, hard ciders and Oktoberfest beer styles. All proceeds benefit the Long Beach Marine Institute. To find out more, visit the Oktoberfest website or call (714) 375-1132.

Krista Brooks contributed to this story.

Princesses promote gender roles

WGEC hosted an event relating domestic violence issues to Disney hegemony in films like "Snow White."

By Laura Manriquez
Staff Writer

The Women's and Gender Equity Center hosted an event on Monday about domestic violence and gender discrimination, inviting psychotherapist Alyce Laviolette to present as guest speaker.

Alyce Laviolette is a trauma-informed psychotherapist who has worked 38 years with victims of domestic violence and 37 years with the perpetrators. Laviolette is also a lecturer at Cal State Long Beach on gender and power and expert witness for domestic violence cases.

Laviolette started her speech by sharing her first experience with gender discrimination.

"In seventh grade, when I ran for [class] president, one of the teachers told us not to vote for me because I was a girl – and girls shouldn't run for president, they should run for secretary," Laviolette said.

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She discussed how genders are portrayed based on cultures and fairytales projected by the media.

Laviolette said that in stories such as "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves," men are mostly portrayed as strong, handsome, rich, white and powerful.

On the other hand, according to Laviolette, women are portrayed in two completely different ways. One archetype depicted is the wicked witch or evil stepmother, which is the only kind of "strong woman" we see in film and media. The other is the passive, submissive and pretty princess.

Laviolette said that in real life, once women become victims of domestic violence, they go from a submissive "princess" to "witch," responsible for taking care of themselves and any children.

"What we learned as children is whatever the media feeds us. We usually don't have a context other than the one media portrays," Laviolette said. "For instance, our election – how a powerful woman (Hillary Clinton) is seen in our election and how she is judged in our election and regardless of what you think of her, she is treated different than the man who is running against her (Trump),"

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she said.

Laviolette believes this is a gender issue that creates inequality in society that makes us believe at a young age that those are the roles we should follow.

"I think it is very unfair to portray women as the way Disney does, always showing the feminine sex lower than the masculine one — and today we can see it through the election debate," first year student Diego Gomez said.

Sexism, racism and homophobia, according to Laviolette, are the smog in our air. She said that though we breathe them in, we do not know how they impact our lives. "Some of the worst cases of domestic violence are connected to the worst cases of sexism," she said.

Laviolette said that some of the cycles of domestic violence come from family.

"If you grow up [dealing with] abuse, you can develop chronic combat readiness – which means you are flooded with stress hormones," Laviolette said. "You are flooded with hyper-vigilance, you are flooded with seeing threats in people that non-violent families don't experience."

For this reason, some people have no memory of the abuse they experienced as children, even though the resulting trauma continues to impact their lives.

Even for those who did not grow in a domestically abusive environment, it can be hard to get out of a violent relationship because of a lack of information on how to leave.

Laviolette stated that we acquire "magical thinking" when involved in abusive relationships, and begin to believe that if love is enough, it can change a person's violent behavior.

"One should always think about bottom lines, how much is enough and how long is one willing to deal with a domestic relationship," Laviolette said.

She stated that these gender issues will not end if sexism continues to prevalent in our society, and until we decide to address the misogyny that happens in our day-to-day lives, the chances of changing society are low.

Laviolette finished her speech by saying that a way of touching someone's heart is by giving them consequences, not by staying with them.

"Don't put yourself in a bad situation. If you find yourself in a bad situation, think of a way out," Laviolette said. "Aggression is the last resource you should use."

According to Crime Prevention Sergeant Keith Caires, domestic violence and partner violence are common calls to the University Police Department. They assist an average of eight to ten cases a year. "We have some actual battery cases, where typically women are unfortunately the recipient of the violence and there is beating or man handling or shaking being reported," he said.

Laviolette stated that domestic violence a pattern that disrespects gender, ethnicity or social class. Cal State Long Beach is also affected by it and the WGEC is a safe and supportive source offering its services to students.



Courtesy of Creative Commons

According to Alyce Laviolette Snow White is a bad role model for children.



Living in a pinkwashed world

As a breast cancer survivor, I am left feeling victimized by another month of pink.

By Elizabeth Ortiz
Staff Writer

> "I'm convinced many who raise funds for **breast cancer awareness** through purchasing *'pink'* products are only doing so because it's rather trendy. I have already gone through the battle of **staying alive**. This is what October does to me. ***No need for a reminder.***"

I did it — I survived for 12 years after having breast cancer. I am still alive and have all of October to remind me of my perseverance. For those unaware, October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. To many, it's a time to recognize the need to properly prevent and treat breast cancer. However, in my case, it merely reminds me of having almost lost my life — not to mention the struggle of going through treatment while having a two-year-old on my hip.

There are invitations to awareness luncheons, information about self breast examinations and pens adorned with pink ribbons laid out on tables set up throughout the city. Yet, the congratulations for being alive purely reminds me of death. All the pink is happy, but it is not always representative of the people who are dying of this disease.

I made it to October, and I start to remember why I chose to pursue a bachelor's degree in journalism in the first place. My survival will bring change to the world, and I will do this through my career of reporting factual evidence to the masses.

The need to do something remarkable with one's life is a common feeling for a survivor. I felt I had a choice whether to live or die, depending on receiving treatment. I chose to live.

However, I would not recommend a person with breast-cancer to have reconstruction surgery two weeks prior to the start of school, the way I did.

I was provided with eight medication prescriptions before and after the surgery, which I believe to have benefited my surgeon financially rather than my actual health.

I feel that I had a plastic surgeon who took advantage of me like so many nonprofit organizations have taken advantage of everyone involved in supporting the breast cancer awareness movement. Before my second reconstruction surgery, I was told my breasts would look a whole lot better. They do not.

I'm not saying it is not good to give your time, money or donations to major nonprofits, but I do ask that you be wary of them, and for my fellow breast cancer survivors, be suspicious when it comes to doctors. I believe many are simply looking for an easy cash grab.

I have pain on the sides of my legs where they took fat out in order to fill my breasts, and it has already been almost two months since the operation. This has made my academic life even more stressful.

So, October reminds me of how vulnerable patients are when they are taken advantage of.

I was botched by a plastic surgeon who has an expensive location on Pacific Coast Highway in Laguna Beach.

I wanted to get this procedure out of the way because after 10 years, reconstruction surgery is supposedly needed for the second time, and I was overdue.

The failure of a surgery bolsters my skepticism during October's celebration of breast cancer awareness – and the fact that I will not be spending any time topless in a Vegas hot-tub. Being a breast cancer survivor feels like I am a cash cow.

I'm convinced many who raise funds for breast cancer awareness through purchasing "pink" products are only doing so because it's rather trendy. I have already gone through the battle of staying alive. This is what October does to me. No need for a reminder.

The worst part is seeing corporations like Kentucky Fried Chicken throw their fried food in a pink bucket promoting "awareness."

This only strengthens my belief that a disease I was able to overcome is just a way for major corporations and organizations to make an easy dollar.

This method is called "cause marketing." Another example would be Yoplait's "Save Lids to Save Lives" campaign in support of the Susan G. Komen organization toward finding a "cure." They dress up the label to match the cause. Consumers eat up the advertising by buying more, out of the goodness of their hearts.

For those unfamiliar with what the Komen organization does — they claim to work toward providing funds for a cure for breast cancer.

However, on Charity Navigator's website — which is a notable nonprofit watchdog rating system — Komen, a foundation about causes, treatment and a search for a cure to end breast cancer, went from four stars to two stars in 2014. They were caught being fraudulent. This nonprofit knew how to get everyone involved.

According to a report titled, "Don't be taken in by charity scams" for Consumer Reports – a website known for providing unbiased product ratings – nonprofit officials of Cancer Support Services and the Breast Cancer Society spent several donations on themselves through luxury cruises, gym memberships, sporting events and concert tickets.

Consumer Reports also mentions not only one, but four cancer charities collecting millions of dollars from donations across the country. These defendants were found guilty on several accounts by the Federal Trade Commission, proving that funds did not go to patient's pain medication, or hospice care. I hope to be able to shine some light to those that are vulnerable.

As a cancer patient, be wary of using fraudulent medicines that have been made by charitable funding. They are more than likely placebo meds – nothing more than sugarpills. Furthermore, according to a report titled, "Clinical trials: what you need to know" by the American Cancer Society, they are used in clinical trials on patients that volunteer. These meds are not a cure and are only used to make the patient believe that they feel better.

I wanted to celebrate my life by living, not celebrate fraud by giving. One should be wary of taking part in this "month of pink" — as a breast cancer survivor, myself, it does no good when all it reminds me of is being taking advantage of.

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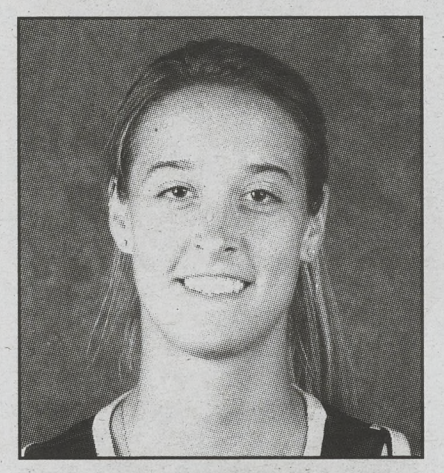
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

LBSU wins Beach Tennis Fall Tournament



HALEY THOMPSON
SENIOR



JULIE GERARD
SENIOR

LBSU senior claims Flight A singles title Sunday at Rhodes Tennis Center.

By Matthew Simon
Sports Editor

After two competitive sets, Long Beach State senior Hayley Thompson defeated Loyola Marymount's Jessica Perez 6-0 in the final set to claim the Flight A Beach Tennis Fall Tournament Sunday at Rhodes Tennis Center.

In the first set, Perez challenged Thompson as the two exchanged points throughout, but Thompson prevailed to beat Perez in the tiebreaker 7-6 (5).

"We are really proud of Hayley," LBSU coach Jenny Hilt-Costello said in a press release. "She played solid tennis this weekend and had some very good wins. She's been working really hard and it showed."

While Thompson took the highest honors of the weekend, senior Julie Gerard won the Flight A consolation championship after beating UC San Diego's Daniela Morales 6-4 and 6-3.

Gerard also won three consecutive matches to claim the title. While Gerard and Thompson won their respective matches, junior Lena Pacholski and freshman Natalia Munoz lost.

Pacholski dropped her match to Cal State Northridge's Kiryang Kim in straight sets 6-2 and 6-3. Munoz battled with Grand Canyon University's Celina Buhr in a 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 loss.

In doubles competition, LBSU freshman Maren Helgo and Gerard lost in the Flight A doubles final to Grand Canyon's seniors Tatum Prudhomme and Susie Baklini 6-1.

"This was a great weekend of tennis for the team with a lot of matches," Hilt-Costello said. "We had some ups and downs, but that's why we play these fall tournaments — so that we can learn and get better."

The 49ers will be back in action when they head to Cal State Northridge Nov. 11.

WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

DATE	MATCH	LOCATION
10/13	Oracle ITA Masters	Malibu
10/14	Oracle ITA Masters	Malibu
10/15	Oracle ITA Masters	Malibu
10/16	Oracle ITA Masters	Malibu
10/20	Southwest Regionals	San Diego
10/21	Southwest Regionals	San Diego
10/22	Southwest Regionals	San Diego
10/23	Southwest Regionals	San Diego
10/24	Southwest Regionals	San Diego

2016 STANDINGS | WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

	BIG WEST GAMES		ALL GAMES	
	W	L	W	L
Long Beach State	6	0	12	7
Hawai'i	5	1	11	5
Cal Poly	3	2	10	6
UC Santa Barbara	2	3	11	7
UC Davis	2	3	9	9
Cal State Northridge	2	3	6	11
UC Irvine	2	4	7	13
Cal State Fullerton	1	3	6	12
UC Riverside	0	4	5	11

2016 STANDINGS | WOMEN'S SOCCER

	BIG WEST GAMES			ALL GAMES		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Cal State Fullerton	3	1	0	6	8	0
Cal State Northridge	2	1	1	7	3	5
Long Beach State	2	1	1	6	6	2
Hawai'i	2	2	0	9	3	1
UC Irvine	1	0	1	9	4	1
UC Davis	1	1	1	5	6	3
UC Santa Barbara	1	1	0	10	2	1
Cal Poly	1	3	0	6	8	1
UC Riverside	0	3	0	3	8	3

CORRECTION:

- In the article "PERFECT START," published Oct. 10, the Long Beach State's women's volleyball team record is 12-7.

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